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To establish an office of family support within the Department of Justice and to make grants to State and local law enforcement departments, and to organizations representing State and local law enforcement personnel.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. SCHROEDER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Law Enforcement
5 Family Support Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF FAMILY SUPPORT.**

2 There is established an Office of Family Support
3 within the Department of Justice under the authority of
4 the Attorney General.

5 **SEC. 3. APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF DIRECTOR.**

6 (a) APPOINTMENT.—The Office of Family Support
7 shall be headed by a Director appointed by the President,
8 by and with the consent of the Senate. The Director shall
9 report to the Attorney General.

10 (b) AUTHORITY.—The Director shall have final au-
11 thority for all grants awarded by the Office.

12 (c) RESTRICTION.—The Director shall not engage in
13 any employment other than that as serving as Director;
14 nor shall the Director hold any office in, or act in any
15 capacity for, any organization, agency, or institution with
16 which the Office makes any grant or other arrangement
17 under this Act.

18 (d) DUTIES.—The Director shall—

19 (1) establish guidelines and oversee the imple-
20 mentation of family-friendly policies within law en-
21 forcement-related offices and divisions in the De-
22 partment of Justice;

23 (2) study the effects of stress on law enforce-
24 ment personnel and family well-being and dissemi-
25 nate the findings of such studies to Federal, State,

1 and local law enforcement agencies, related organi-
2 zations, and other interested parties;

3 (3) identify and evaluate model programs that
4 provide support services to law enforcement person-
5 nel and families;

6 (4) provide technical assistance and training
7 programs to develop stress reduction and family sup-
8 port to State and local law enforcement agencies;

9 (5) collect and disseminate information regard-
10 ing family support, stress reduction, and psycho-
11 logical services to Federal, State, and local law en-
12 forcement agencies, law enforcement-related organi-
13 zations, and other interested entities; and

14 (6) determine issues to be researched by the
15 Office and by grant recipients.

16 **SEC. 4. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.**

17 The Director is authorized to make grants to States
18 and local law enforcement agencies and to organizations
19 representing state and local law enforcement personnel to
20 provide family support services to law enforcement person-
21 nel.

22 **SEC. 5. USES OF FUNDS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—A State or local law enforcement
24 agency or organization that receives a grant under this
25 Act shall use amounts provided under the grant to estab-

1 lish or improve training and support programs for law en-
2 forcement personnel.

3 (b) REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.—A law enforcement
4 agency or organization that receives funds under this Act
5 shall provide at least one of the following services:

6 (1) Counseling for law enforcement family
7 members.

8 (2) Child care on a 24-hour basis.

9 (3) Marital and adolescent support groups.

10 (4) Stress reduction programs.

11 (5) Stress education for law enforcement re-
12 cruits and families.

13 (6) Provide technical assistance and training
14 programs to support any or all of the services listed
15 in (1) through (5).

16 (c) OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES.—A law enforcement agen-
17 cy that receives funds under this Act may provide the fol-
18 lowing services:

19 (1) Post-shooting debriefing for officers and
20 their spouses.

21 (2) Group therapy.

22 (3) Hypertension clinics.

23 (4) Critical incident response on a 24-hour
24 basis.

1 (5) Law enforcement family crisis telephone
2 services on a 24-hour basis.

3 (6) Counseling for law enforcement personnel
4 exposed to the human immunodeficiency virus.

5 (7) Counseling for peers.

6 (8) Counseling for families of personnel killed
7 in the line of duty.

8 (9) Seminars regarding alcohol, drug use, gam-
9 bling, and overeating.

10 (10) Technical assistance and training to sup-
11 port any or all of the services in (1) through (9).

12 **SEC. 6. APPLICATIONS.**

13 A law enforcement agency or organization desiring to
14 receive a grant under this Act shall submit to the Director
15 an application at such time, in such manner, and contain-
16 ing or accompanied by such information as the Director
17 may reasonably require. Such application shall—

18 (1) certify that the law enforcement agency
19 shall match all Federal funds with an equal amount
20 of cash or in-kind goods or services from other non-
21 Federal sources;

22 (2) include a statement from the highest rank-
23 ing law enforcement official from the State or local-
24 ity or from the highest ranking official from the or-
25 ganization applying for the grant that attests to the

1 need and intended use of services to be provided
2 with grant funds; and

3 (3) assure that the Director or the Comptroller
4 General of the United States shall have access to all
5 records related to the receipt and use of grant funds
6 received under this Act.

7 **SEC. 7. AWARD OF GRANTS; LIMITATION.**

8 (a) GRANT DISTRIBUTION.—In approving grants
9 under this Act, the Director shall assure an equitable dis-
10 tribution of assistance among the States, among urban
11 and rural areas of the United States, and among urban
12 and rural areas of a State.

13 (b) DURATION.—The Director may award a grant
14 each fiscal year, not to exceed \$100,000 to a State or local
15 law enforcement agency or \$250,000 to a law enforcement
16 organization for a period not to exceed 5 years. In any
17 application from a State or local law enforcement agency
18 or organization for a grant to continue a program for the
19 second, third, fourth, or fifth fiscal year following the first
20 fiscal year in which a grant was awarded to such agency,
21 the Director shall review the progress made toward meet-
22 ing the objectives of the program. The Director may refuse
23 to award a grant if the Director finds sufficient progress
24 has not been made toward meeting such objectives, but

1 only after affording the applicant notice and an oppor-
2 tunity for reconsideration.

3 (c) LIMITATION.—Not more than 10 percent of grant
4 funds received by a State or a local law enforcement agen-
5 cy may be used for administrative purposes.

6 **SEC. 8. DISCRETIONARY RESEARCH GRANTS.**

7 The Director may reserve 10 percent of funds to
8 award research grants to a State or local law enforcement
9 agency or organization to study issues of importance in
10 the law enforcement field as determined by the Director.

11 **SEC. 9. REPORTS.**

12 (a) REPORT FROM GRANT RECIPIENTS.—A State or
13 local law enforcement agency or organization that receives
14 a grant under this Act shall submit to the Director an
15 annual report that includes—

16 (1) program descriptions;

17 (2) the number of staff employed to administer
18 programs;

19 (3) the number of individuals who participated
20 in programs; and

21 (4) an evaluation of the effectiveness of grant
22 programs.

23 (b) REPORT FROM DIRECTOR.—(1) The Director
24 shall submit to the President, the Speaker of the House
25 of Representatives, and the President pro tempore of the

1 Senate a report not later than March 31 of each fiscal
2 year.

3 (2) Such report shall contain—

4 (A) a description of the types of projects devel-
5 oped or improved through funds received under this
6 Act;

7 (B) a description of exemplary projects and ac-
8 tivities developed;

9 (C) a designation of the family relationship to
10 the law enforcement personnel of individuals served;
11 and

12 (D) the number of individuals served in each lo-
13 cation and throughout the country.

14 **SEC. 10. DEFINITIONS.**

15 For purposes of this Act—

16 (1) the term “Director” means the Director of
17 the Office of Family Support within the Department
18 of Justice;

19 (2) the term “family-friendly policy” means a
20 policy to promote or improve the morale and well
21 being of law enforcement personnel;

22 (3) the term “law enforcement personnel”
23 means individuals employed by Federal, State, and
24 local law enforcement agencies; and

1 (4) the term “Office” means the Office of Fam-
2 ily Support within the Department of Justice.

3 **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; LIMITA-**
4 **TION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
6 priated \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1994,
7 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998.

8 (b) LIMITATION.—Not more than 20 percent of the
9 amounts available under this Act may be used to accom-
10 plish the duties of the Director under section 2(d) and
11 to operate the Office, including administrative costs, re-
12 search, and training programs.

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